

81. (New) A method for preparing a polymorphic form of venlafaxine hydrochloride selected from the group consisting of form I, form II and a mixture of form I and II, comprising the steps of:

- a) crystallizing a venlafaxine hydrochloride from isopropanol;
- b) isolating the crystallized venlafaxine hydrochloride; and
- c) drying the isolated venlafaxine hydrochloride to obtain the polymorphic form of venlafaxine hydrochloride.

82. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein the polymorphic form of venlafaxine hydrochloride is form I.

83. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein the polymorphic form of venlafaxine hydrochloride is form II.

84. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein the polymorphic form of venlafaxine hydrochloride is a mixture of form I and form II.

85. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein the crystallizing step is performed by the steps comprising:

- a) preparing a solution of venlafaxine hydrochloride in isopropanol;
- b) heating the solution to a reflux temperature of isopropanol; and
- c) cooling the heated solution to room temperature.

86. (New) The method of claim 85, wherein the cooling step is performed by leaving the heated solution overnight at room temperature.

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87. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein the isolating step is performed by filtering the crystallized venlafaxine hydrochloride.
88. (New) The method of claim 87, further comprising the step of washing the crystallized venlafaxine hydrochloride with isopropanol.
89. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein the crystallized venlafaxine hydrochloride is venlafaxine hydrochloride form III.
90. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the drying step is performed at a temperature of about 60° C.
91. (New) The method of claim 90, wherein the drying step is performed at a reduced pressure of about 10 mbar.
92. (New) The method of claim 91, wherein the drying step is performed for about 45 min.
93. (New) The method of claim 84, wherein the drying step is performed at a temperature of about 160°C.
94. (New) The method of claim 93, wherein the drying step is performed in a static oven for a time period of about 0.5 hour.
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REMARKS

Claim 76 is being amended.

Claims 81-94 are being added to this application. No new matter is being added.